



SUMMARY OF ONTARIO FISHING REGULATIONS 1972

ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS

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SPORT FISHING LICENCES

Resident

Resident seine-net licence to take smelt for personal use (Required by anyone for use of a seine net for taking smelt.)

*Angler's bait-fish licence (for a seine-net in specified waters only) \$ 1.00

*Dip-net licence to take fish for personal use \$ 2.00

(Authorizes the use of dip-nets for taking coarse fish, herring and whitefish in specified waters and periods.)

Non-Resident

Non-resident angling licence (valid for entire season) \$ 8.50

Non-resident three day angling licence \$ 4.00

*Non-resident organized camp angling licence (minimum charge) \$10.00

Non-resident bow and arrow, and smelt fishing licence (see "Other Means of Fishing") \$ 5.00

*Angler's bait-fish licence (for a seine or dip-net in specified waters only) \$ 1.00

*Issued from District Offices only.

*In addition, all anglers require a special licence to angle for lake trout in Lake Superior—No Charge.

For the purpose of fishing, a resident is defined as a person who has resided in Ontario for a period of seven consecutive months during the twelve months immediately preceding his application for a licence.

A holder of a Quebec angling permit, either resident or non-resident, is deemed to be a resident of Ontario when angling in the waters of Division 12.

A non-resident must have a licence to angle in Ontario. The non-resident angling licence is valid for the entire season. The non-resident three day licence is valid only for the three consecutive days shown on the licence. It is an offence if an issuer fails to complete a licence or if an angler uses a licence which has not been fully completed at the time of purchase.

A non-resident under the age of seventeen years may angle without a licence if he is accompanied by a member of his family who has a licence, but the fish which he takes shall be a part of the catch limit of the holder of the licence.

A non-resident organized camp licence is available to groups of at least five boys or girls under the age of seventeen when accompanied by an adult in charge. The fee for the camp licence is \$2.00 per person excluding adults who are required to have a non-resident angling licence.

A licence is not transferable and must not be loaned to any other person.

An angler must have his licence on his person when fishing.

No person shall refuse to produce and show his licence to an officer.

or twelve inches in diameter, but he must not have more than fifty live bait-fish in his possession at one time during the period April 1st to October 14th, or more than an aggregate weight of forty pounds of bait-fish during the period from October 15th to March 31st.

Live bait-fish must not be released into waters other than those from which they were originally taken. In certain lakes, the use of live bait-fish is prohibited. (See Schedule 11 of the Ontario Fishery Regulations.)

Bait-fish may not be sold except under the authority of a bait-fish dealer's licence.

No live bait-fish may be brought into Ontario.

No person shall set a trap for bait fish that is not legibly marked with the name of the owner.



FISH HUTS

All fish huts used in Lake Temagami and waters south of and including the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing must be removed before March 31st.

In specific problem areas fish huts must be registered. Please check with your local Lands and Forests office.

SALE OF FISH

It is not permissible to sell, offer for sale, buy or barter any maskinonge, brown trout, aurora trout or Atlantic salmon taken from Ontario waters.

Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, brook trout, rainbow trout, yellow pickerel, pike, lake trout or sturgeon may not be sold, offered for sale or barter, except under the authority of a licence.

KAWARTHA LAKES AND ALGONQUIN PARK

All fishing is prohibited in Divisions 6 and 13 from December 1st to April 29th.

This restriction does not apply to the taking of smelts in the parts of Lake Ontario in the Counties of Durham and Northumberland during March and April.

A dip-net used as described below shall not exceed six feet by six feet if angular, or six feet in diameter if circular. (The use of a larger dip-net is restricted to the holder of a commercial dip-net licence.)

OTHER MEANS OF FISHING

All fishing by means other than angling must be carried out between sunrise and sunset, except for the taking of smelt.

A dip-net used as described below shall not exceed six feet by six feet if angular, or six feet in diameter if circular. (The use of a larger dip-net is restricted to the holder of a commercial dip-net licence.)

A resident may:

(1) In the Counties of Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk and Niagara Regional Municipality, take coarse fish and pike by means of a spear or dip-net in the months of March and April;

(2) In parts of Ontario other than (1) above, take coarse fish by means of a spear during April and May, except in the Counties of Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, Ontario, Simcoe and York; Division 5 and 13; the Township of Morrison in Muskoka District and the Rideau River between Hog's Back Dam and the Ottawa River;

(3) Take coarse fish by means of a dip-net—

(a) during the periods from March 1st to March 15th and from April 15th to May 31st in the Thames, Sydenham and Ausable Rivers; and

(b) during the months of March, April and May in any part of Ontario except in Division 6 and 13 in this summary, that part of the Rideau River described in (2) above and the Thames, Sydenham and Ausable Rivers;

(4) Take smelt by dip-net, day or night during the months of March, April and May in any part of Ontario except Algonquin Park, Peterborough and Victoria Counties; the parts of Durham and Northumberland Counties lying north of Lake Ontario; the Trent River; Dalrymple (Mud) Lake in Ontario County; and the Rideau River between Hog's Back Dam and the Ottawa River;

(5) Use a bow and arrow to take coarse fish during March and April and take carp from May 1st to June 15th, both inclusive, in the Counties mentioned in (1) above and, in the Counties of Brant, Halton, Huron, Oxford, Perth, Waterloo, Wellington and Windsor;

(6) Use a bow and arrow to take carp and suckers during May, June and July in the St. Lawrence River including Lake St. Lawrence and Lake St. Francis; Lake Ontario east of 78° including the Bay of Quinte and the North Channel; and the Ottawa River downstream from the Chaudiere Bridge.

A non-resident may obtain a licence to take fish by means other than angling which permits: (i) the taking of smelt day or night during the months of March, April and May by means of a dip-net or seine in the same waters in which smelt may be dip-netted by a resident (see (4) above); (ii) the use of a bow and arrow to take coarse fish during the same periods and in the same waters in which coarse fish may be taken with a bow and arrow by a resident (see (5) and (6) above). The licence fee is \$5.00.

A resident must have a resident smelt licence if he wishes to use a seine for the taking of smelt. The licence fee is \$1.00.

No person shall have a spear in his possession on, or within one hundred feet of the edge of any river, lake or stream, except as outlined above.

The use of a spear gun for the taking of fish is prohibited.

Artificial lights must not be used for taking fish. Dynamic or other explosive material must not be used for taking or destroying fish.

Snagging is prohibited. A gaff may be used to land fish which have been taken by angling, but it is an offence to fish with or be in possession of a spring gaff, a baited or unbaited snagger, or a snare capable of taking fish on or within one hundred feet of any waters.

A non-resident may on leaving Ontario take or export his lawful catch of one day's limit.

No person shall transfer within Ontario or export any fish taken by angling that are skinned, cut or packaged so as to make it impossible to identify the fish or determine their number or to determine their length if size limits are applicable. A piece of skin (2") for identification as to species, and packaging to permit easy counting, will save the angler inconvenience. Several fish should not be frozen into a solid block.

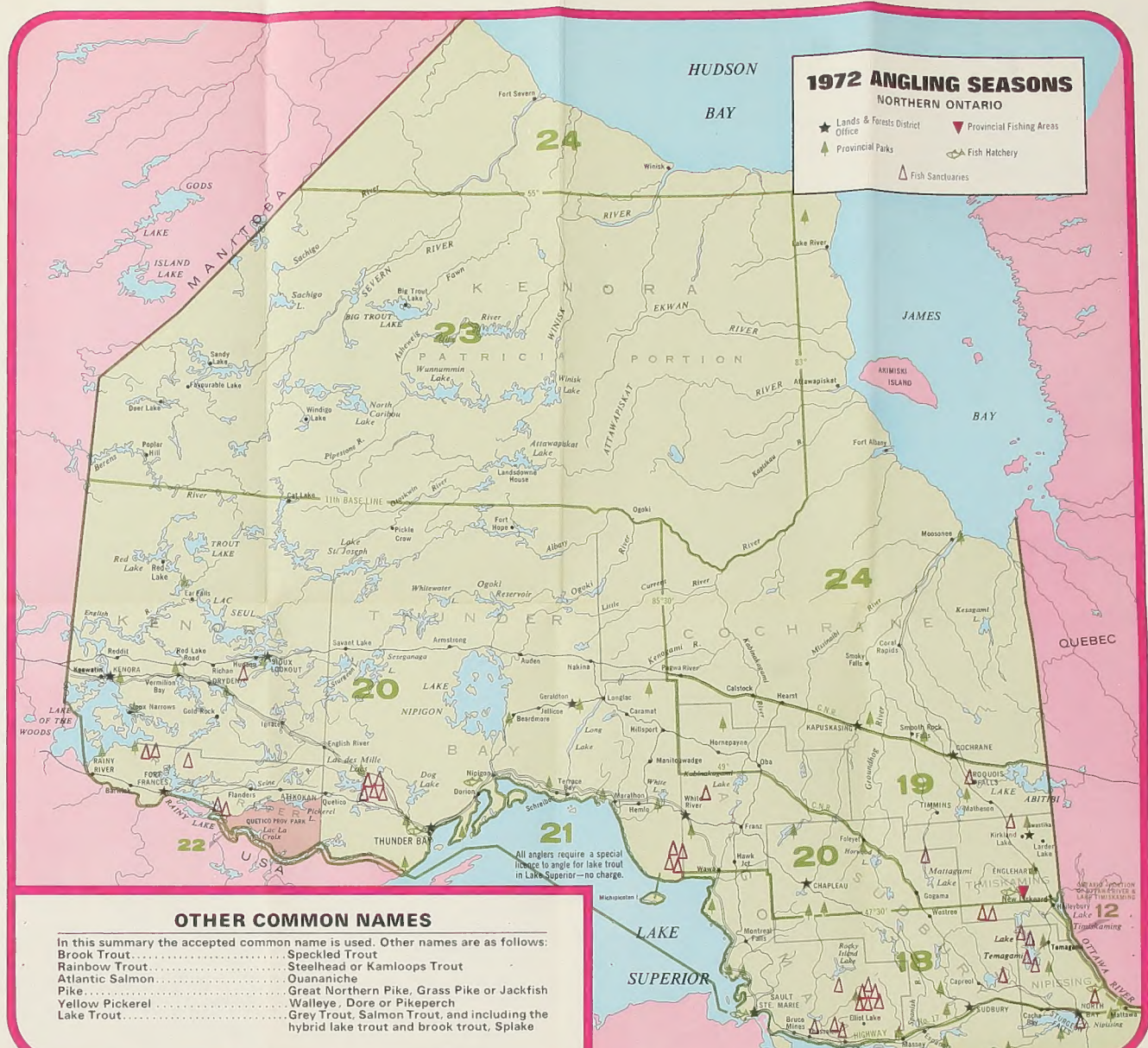
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IMPORT AND TRANSFER

No live fish or spawn may be brought into Ontario, or transferred from one body of water to another, without the consent of the Minister of Lands and Forests.



OTHER COMMON NAMES

In this summary the accepted common name is used. Other names are as follows:

Brook Trout..... Speckled Trout

Rainbow Trout..... Steelhead or Kamloops Trout

Atlantic Salmon..... Ouananiche

Pike..... Great Northern Pike, Grass Pike or Jackfish

Yellow Pickerel..... Walleye, Dore or Pikeperch

Lake Trout..... Grey Trout, Salmon Trout, and including the hybrid lake trout and brook trout, Splake

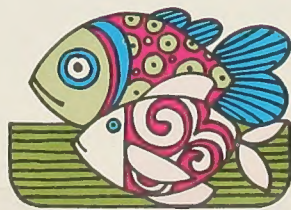
FISH SANCTUARIES

Anglers should be aware that numerous fish sanctuaries have been established in Ontario for specific management purposes. There are approximately one hundred such closures, as indicated on the map, ranging in size from entire lakes to portions of lakes, bays and streams. The period in which all fishing is prohibited varies with the purpose of the sanctuary—it may be for the entire year, for alternate years, or for specific periods each year. Complete descriptions of the sanctuaries are available at Department of Lands and Forests offices.

FISHING MAPS

Ontario lakes and streams are being surveyed to determine their present and potential capability to produce fish, wildlife and recreation. An added benefit to this program for the angler is the production of lake contour maps and management information. The maps are lithographed on water resistant paper and include details of the following: physical data, origin of name, lake characteristics, fish species present, angling opportunities as well as access and facilities. Each map in this series costs 50 cents plus tax. Contact the District Office for further details.

Any fish which is suitable for food must not be destroyed or permitted to spoil.



EXOTIC FISH SPECIES

Kokanee, coho and pink salmon and the hybrid splake, have been planted in certain parts of the Great Lakes and tributary waters on an experimental basis. Anglers are requested to report the capture of any of these fish to the local Conservation Officer or to any office of the Department of Lands and Forests.



OPEN SEASON GUIDE

ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

SPECIES	SEASON	DIVISION											
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24					
PIKE	All year.												
YELLOW and BLUE PICKEREL and SAUGER	All year. May 13 to Apr. 14												
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	All year. June 24 to Nov. 30												
MASKINONGE	All year. June 17 to Nov. 30												
BROOK and BROWN TROUT	All year. Jan. 1 to Sep. 15												
AURORA TROUT	Apr. 29 to Sep. 15												
RAINBOW TROUT	All year.												
LAKE TROUT	All year. Jan. 1 to Oct. 10 Jan. 1 to Feb. 29 May 13 to Sept. 24												

OTHER SEASONS

(Not shown in "Open Season Guide")

ATLANTIC SALMON

In any part of Ontario:
January 1st to October 10th.

WHITEFISH

Nomekan Lake and Rainy Lake in the District of Rainy River:
November 16th to October 24th.

Lake Simcoe:
December 16th to October 5th.

All other waters:
No closed season.

STURGEON

Waters of Division 1, 2, 8, 11, 16, 17 and 21, the French River, Lake Nipissing and waters in the County of Simcoe:
No closed season.

All other waters:
June 15th to May 14th.

All other species such as perch, bullhead, chub, catfish, sunfish, rock bass, bluegill, crappie, ling, carp, eel, etc.
No closed season.

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1972 ANGLING SEASONS

SOUTHERN ONTARIO

- ★ Lands and Forests District Office
- ▼ Provincial Fishing Areas
- ▲ Provincial Parks
- ▲ Fish Hatcheries
- ▲ Fish Sanctuaries

Angling licences may be obtained at representative tourist outfitters' camps and lodges, summer camps and hotels, and sporting goods dealers, as well as at any District Office of the Department of Lands and Forests.



FALL FISHING FOR RAINBOW TROUT (Season extended from April 29th to Dec. 31st)

Bruce County:
Little Sauble River—in the Township of Bruce from Highway 21 to Lake Huron.
Penetanguishene River—in the Township of Kincardine from the bridge at Highway 21 to Lake Huron.
Saugeen River—in the Townships of Arran, Amabel, Brant, Elderslie and Saugeen from the dam in the town of Walkerton to Lake Huron.

Durham, Northumberland and Ontario Counties:
The area south of Highway 2.

Elgin County:
Big Otter Creek—in the Township of Bayham.
Little Otter Creek (east branch of Big Otter Creek)—in the Township of Bayham.

Grey County:
Beaver River—in the Township of Collingwood from the Thornbury hydro dam to Georgian Bay.
Bighead River—in the Township of St. Vincent.
Pottawatomi River—in the Township of Derby and the City of Owen Sound from Jones Falls to Georgian Bay.
Sydenham River—in the City of Owen Sound from the dam between 5th Street and 6th Street, on the Mill Reserve property, to Georgian Bay.

Huron County:
Bayfield River—in the Townships of Goderich and Stanley from Highway 4 to Lake Huron.
Midland River—in the Townships of Goderich and Goderich from Highway 21 to Lake Huron.
Lucknow (9 Mile) River—in the Township of Ashfield from Highway 21 to Lake Huron.

Middlesex County:
Fanshawe Lake—in the Townships of London and West Nissouri.

Norfolk County:
Big Creek and North Creek—south of Highway 3 in the Townships of Middleton, Charlotteville, North Walsingham and South Walsingham.
Young (Ryerson) Creek—in the Township of Charlotteville from the mill dam on Lot 23, Concession III, to Lake Erie.
Waterford Ponds—in the Township of Townsend.

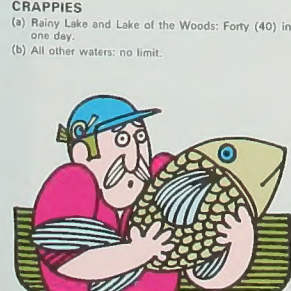
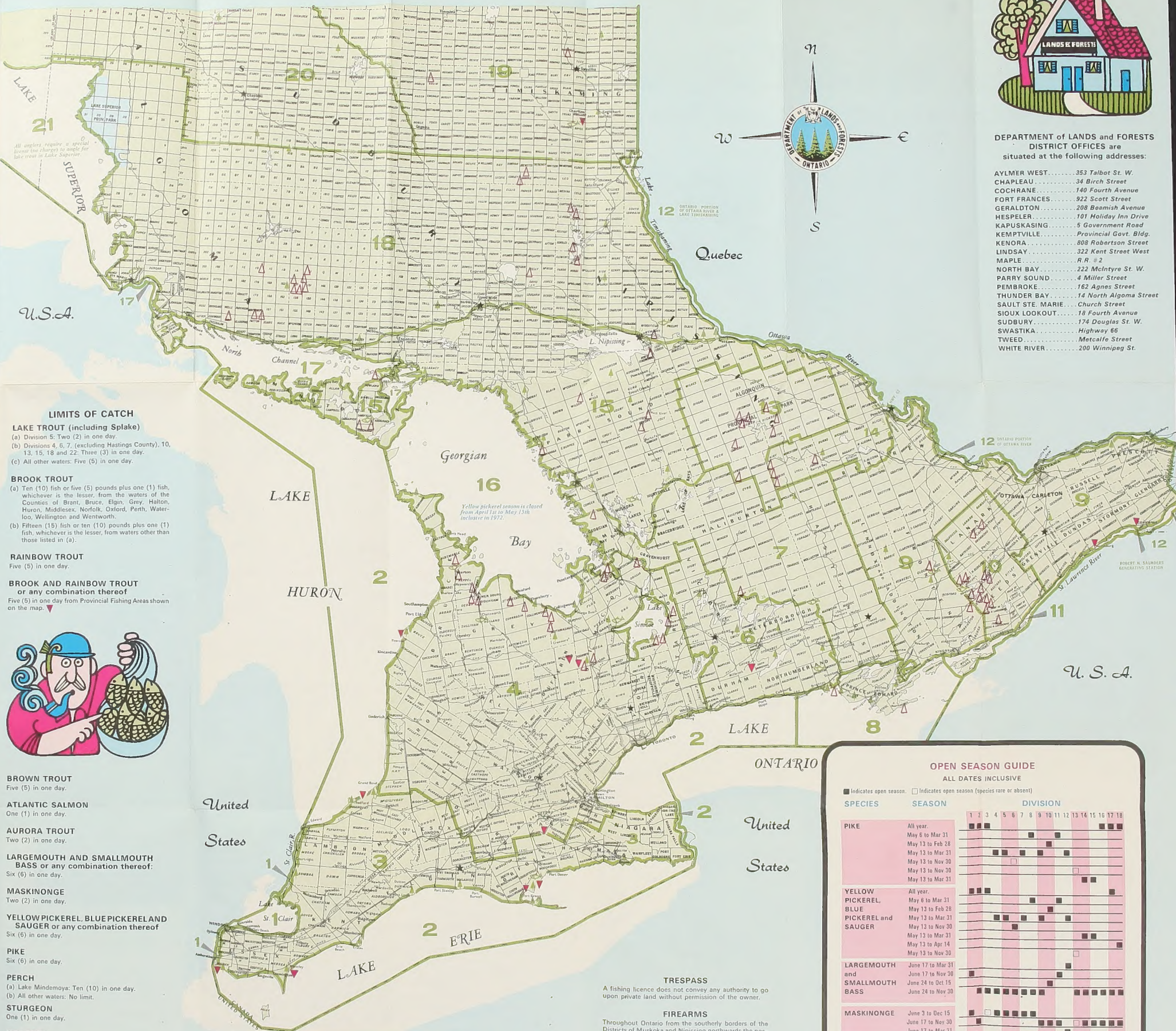
Simcoe County:
Coldwater River—in the Townships of Madoc and Tay from the mill dam in the Village of Coldwater to the junction with the North River.
Hog Creek—in the Township of Tay from the C.N.R. bridge to Georgian Bay.
North River—in the Township of Matchedash from MacLaughlin Falls to Georgian Bay.
Nottawasaga River—in the Townships of Essa, Flos, Sunnidle and Vespra from the confluence of the Nottawasaga and Boyne Rivers to Georgian Bay.
Sturgeon River—in the Township of Tay.



FLY FISHING ONLY

No person shall fish by any means except an artificial fly in waters within lots 15 to 33, both inclusive, in Concession I to XIII, both inclusive, in the Township of Bruton in the Provisional County of Haliburton except Kingscote Lake, that part of the York River lying south-easterly of High Falls and Little Mink Lake.

This summary is prepared for convenience only, and is not a complete resume of the various regulations relating to fisheries. A complete consolidation of the regulations is available from the Department of Lands and Forests, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. For more detailed information, reference should be made to The Game and Fish Act, 1961-62, and The Ontario Fishery Regulations.



LIMITS OF CATCH

LAKE TROUT (including Splake)
(a) Division 5: Two (2) in one day.
(b) Divisions 4, 6, 7, (excluding Hastings County), 10, 13, 15, 18 and 22: Three (3) in one day.
(c) All other waters: Five (5) in one day.

BROOK TROUT
(a) Ten (10) fish or five (5) pounds plus one (1) fish, whichever is the lesser, from the waters of the Counties of Brant, Bruce, Elgin, Grey, Halton, Huron, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth, Waterloo, Wellington and Wentworth.
(b) Fifteen (15) fish or ten (10) pounds plus one (1) fish, whichever is the lesser, from waters other than those listed in (a).

RAINBOW TROUT
Five (5) in one day.

BROOK AND RAINBOW TROUT or any combination thereof
Five (5) in one day from Provincial Fishing Areas shown on the map.



BROWN TROUT
Five (5) in one day.

ATLANTIC SALMON
One (1) in one day.

AURORA TROUT
Two (2) in one day.

LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS or any combination thereof:
Six (6) in one day.

MASKINONGE
Two (2) in one day.

YELLOW PICKEREL, BLUE PICKEREL AND SAUGER or any combination thereof
Six (6) in one day.

PIKE
Six (6) in one day.

PERCH
(a) Lake Mindemoya: Ten (10) in one day.
(b) All other waters: No limit.

STURGEON
One (1) in one day.

CRAPPIES
(a) Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods: Forty (40) in one day.
(b) All other waters: No limit.

MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS

MASKINONGE
(a) Lake St. Clair: Total length of 30 inches.
(b) All other waters: Total length of 28 inches.

LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS
(a) Division 10: Total length of 12 inches.
(b) All other waters: No size limit.

YELLOW PICKEREL
(a) Division 10: Total length of 14 inches.
(b) All other waters: No size limit.

POSSESSION LIMITS

Possession limit shall not exceed one day's legal limit. Fish are considered to be in the possession of an angler whether they are on hand, in cold storage, in transit, or elsewhere.



INQUIRIES

Inquiries concerning fish management and angling conditions on specific waters should be directed to the District Office concerned. (See list.)

MAPS

Topographical and other maps are available at nominal prices. Enquiries should be directed to: Map Office, Department of Lands and Forests, Parliament Buildings, Whitney Bldg., Toronto 182, Ontario.

TRESPASS

A fishing licence does not convey any authority to go upon private land without permission of the owner.

FIREARMS

Throughout Ontario from the southern borders of the Districts of Muskoka and Nipissing northwards the possession of firearms is *prima facie* evidence of hunting. Do not take firearms on fishing, hunting or camping trips unless you have a hunting licence. No hunting licences are valid during July and August in the above area.

HUNTING LICENCE EXAMINATIONS

To obtain an Ontario hunting licence, an application must be supported by proof of previous hunting experience, in the form of a previous hunting licence issued by any official agency. Failure to produce such proof will result in the applicant being required to take an examination based on safe hunting practices, the Ontario Game Regulations and ability to handle a firearm.



DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS
DISTRICT OFFICES are situated at the following addresses:

AYLMER WEST.....353 Talbot St. W.
CHAPLEAU.....34 Birch Street
COCHRANE.....140 Fourth Avenue
FORT FRANCES.....922 Scott Street
GERALDTON.....208 Beamish Avenue
HESPELER.....101 Holiday Inn Drive
KAPUSKASING.....5 Government Road
KEMPTVILLE.....Provincial Govt. Bldg.
KENORA.....808 Robertson Street
LINDSAY.....322 Kent Street West
MAPLE.....R.R. #2
NORTH BAY.....222 McIntyre St. W.
PARRY SOUND.....4 Miller Street
PEMBROKE.....162 Agnes Street
THUNDER BAY.....14 North Algoma Street
SAULT STE. MARIE.....Church Street
SIOUX LOOKOUT.....18 Fourth Avenue
SUDBURY.....174 Douglas St. W.
TWEED.....Metcalfe Street
WHITE RIVER.....200 Winnipeg St.

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